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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Corey Ford's article on General Smith.

1. I met Ford in Portsmouth, N.H., on the night of 20 November for a discussion of his Ms. He accepted all our major suggestions and most of the minor; the few he demurred at were so inconsequential that I did not press them. A clean copy of his new draft should reach me tomorrow. If you wish, I will send it to you. (Ford himself will be in Washington on the 28th.)

2. When I expressed our regret that General Smith was making his debut as DCI in Flair, Ford agreed; he said he had learned that Flair was determined to run an article on the General anyway, so he had taken the commission chiefly to guarantee a sympathetic approach.

3. Ford said further that Anna Rosenberg had promised to influence The Reader's Digest to reprint the article, and he feared that replacing her name with Mr. Baruch's (as we recommended) might alienate her interest.

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